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In re Application of:

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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS  
USED BY A PLURALITY OF DIFFERENT  
OPERATORS, AND METHOD AND  
PROGRAM FOR USE IN THE INFORMATION  
PROCESSING APPARATUS

Examiner: To be Assigned

Group Art Unit: 2673

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U.S. Patent No. 5,550,968

"Method of Enabling the User to Secure any Objects on the Desktop",  
IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, IBM Corp., New York, US  
vol. 37 No. 4A 1 April 1994, page 609.


"Object Access Via Fingerprint Recognition on Mouse Buttons",  
IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, IBM Corp., New York, US  
vol. 36 No. 6B 1 June 1993, pages 469-471.

Copies of these cited articles and form PTO-A820 are attached.

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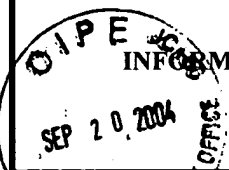
  
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,550,968	8-27-1996	Miller et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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